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**THE NEWS.**

The Eastern intelligence received yesterday morning is up to the 10th instant. The principal feature in the news is, as former despatches, speculation on Sherman's progress. As yet we have no really reliable information as to the position of the Federal General. The Southern journals are too confiding to afford us much satisfaction. In three papers published at Richmond we have on the same morning—that of the 6th—three or four different versions of Sherman's march and position, and the Georgia press is equally contradictory. The only thing that appears to be conclusive is the steady advance of Sherman towards the seaboard. The despatches speak of several engagements between portions of Sherman's forces and the Confederates, but they have evidently, with all the efforts of the Southern papers to magnify them, been insignificant in the extreme. They have in no way retarded Sherman's progress, and although the Confederate press generally are sanguine in their predictions of the Federal general's fate and utter destruction before he reaches Savannah, or the town of Darien, fifty miles further south, we anticipate in the next news Sherman's safe arrival at the sea-coast. There is evidently a large naval force awaiting his advent near Savannah, and the probabilities are that he will be largely reinforced from transports. The Federal general Foster, who is in South Carolina, is endeavoring to form a junction with Sherman. In his march he came across the Confederate general Hardee at a town named Grahamsville, on the railway between Savannah and Charleston. Hardee claims to have repelled Foster and to have checked a force of marines that had been landed by Admiral Dahlgren at Coosawattee, eight or ten miles north of Grahamsville, but the fact that Foster was still in the vicinity at latest dates throwing up rockets and making other signals to attract Sherman's attention, if he were in the neighborhood, shows conclusively that the Federal force north of Savannah is large enough to hold its own. As matters at present stand there is an astonishing indication of weakness in the military power of the Southern States. Sherman's march through Georgia—through the very centre of the Confederacy—almost unopposed, is terribly suggestive of the drain upon its adults which the present war has forced upon the South. Two years ago the Federal general and his army would have been annihilated before a third of the march had been accomplished. There are other indications of weakness outside military operations. We see in almost every State a gathering opposition to the policy of the Southern President. His recent recommendation to repeal the exemption clause of the Conscription Act, in order to force additional conscripts into the Confederate army, has met with a signal rebuke in the Southern Senate, and we perceive hostile demonstrations arising in South Carolina and Georgia against the proposal of the President to arm the slaves and place them in the army as men fighting for their liberty. All this shows not only the desperate straits to which the Confederacy is put, but brings to light that disaffection and discontent which are the sure accompaniments of national adversity and the sure harbinger of internal danger.

**ANTLER BED ROCK PLUME CO., LIMITED.**

At a meeting of the Directors of the Antler Bed Rock Plume Company (Limited), held the 20th day of December, 1864, it was resolved, "That the subject Report of Mr. Jennings, the Superintendent of the company's works at Antler Creek, be published for the general information of the shareholders."

VICTORIA, V. I., December 15, 1864.

To the Chairman and Directors of the Antler Bed Rock Plume Company.

gentlemen.—My arrival at Antler Creek last evening took me through the company's works. I found that a great deal of work was necessary to be done before I could commence the blasting for the bed rock. The work had been suspended at the creek the lead frame was not set before the 22d Jan. After making a careful survey of the creek, and consulting with the locality, I found it necessary to go down in the gully about 400 feet so as to obtain some more bed rock. This was done in the first mile and half above the channel; the first 1500 feet of the flume being all through thick bed rock, requiring on an average of 200 lbs. of gunpowder to爆破 each rock. It is a good many thickness, and but little grating is required to lay the stones. It is at this point that the Oregon Company commences. On this claim, it is rumored that Wheeler, in a suit at Weymouth, Mass., has taken the plumes with whom Wheeler fought number only 160.

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